

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1950.Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth, 3rd July, 1950.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1949 was estimated to be 544,815, comprising 280,457 Males and 264,358 Females.

On the 31st December, 1949, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 294,000.

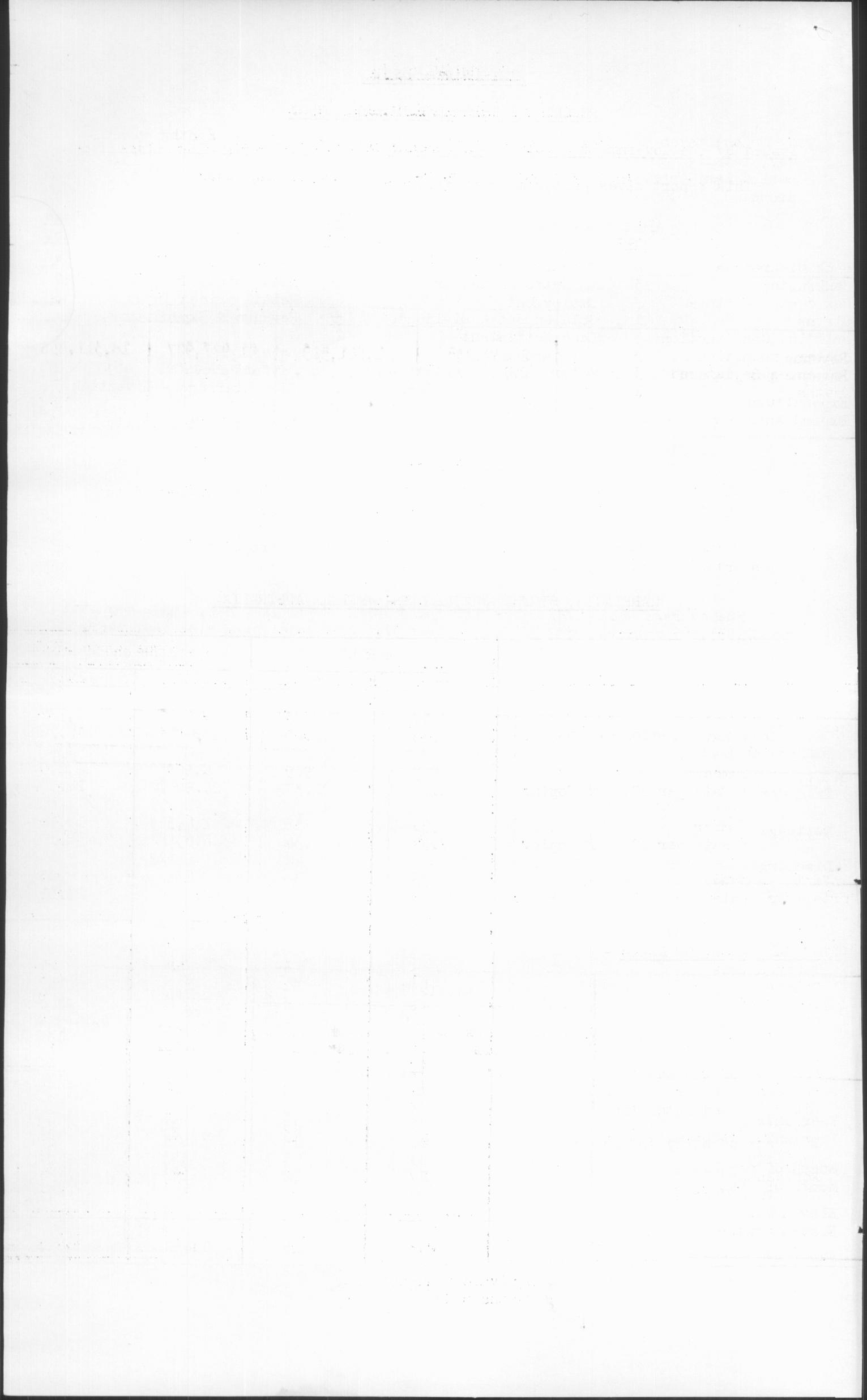
MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

		APRIL		4 Months ended APRIL	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Marriages	Number	517	433	1,985	1,772
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	11.33	10.00	10.98	10.26
Births	Number	986	969	4,509	4,269
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	21.62	22.37	24.94	24.72
Deaths	Number	336	318	1,452	1,414
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	7.37	7.34	8.03	8.19
Infant Mortality	Number	33	30	138	123
	Rate per 1000 Live Births.	33.47	30.96	30.61	28.81
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>					
	Tuberculosis	8	8	42	44
	Cancer	53	54	212	189
	Influenza	1	2	2	5
	Diphtheria	-	-	-	2
	Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	31	30	146	135
	Arteriosclerosis	10	6	31	59
	Diseases of the Heart	87	91	400	400
	Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	14	23	43	76
	Diarrhoea and Enteritis	3	4	7	18
	Nephritis	6	15	22	47
	Diseases of Early Infancy	24	18	101	69
	Senility	3	5	17	31
	Accidents	26	12	128	94
	All Other Causes	70	50	301	245
	TOTAL	336	318	1,452	1,414

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

† Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May, totalled 308,224 acres, an increase of 51,172 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 830,270 acres, a decrease of 57,778 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Revenue	£	£	£	£
Revenue per Head of Popln.	2,430,038	1,861,529	21,977,927	18,311,858
Expenditure	£4. 7. 9d.	£3. 10. 4d.	£40. 8. 0d.	£35. 0. 6d.
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	2,424,196	1,827,890	22,338,605	18,960,435
	£4. 7. 6d.	£3. 9. 1d.	£41. 1. 3d.	£36. 5. 3d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st May amounted to £38,723,850 or £69.15.6d. per head of population as against £36,929,087 or £69.12.6d. per head as at the 31st May last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

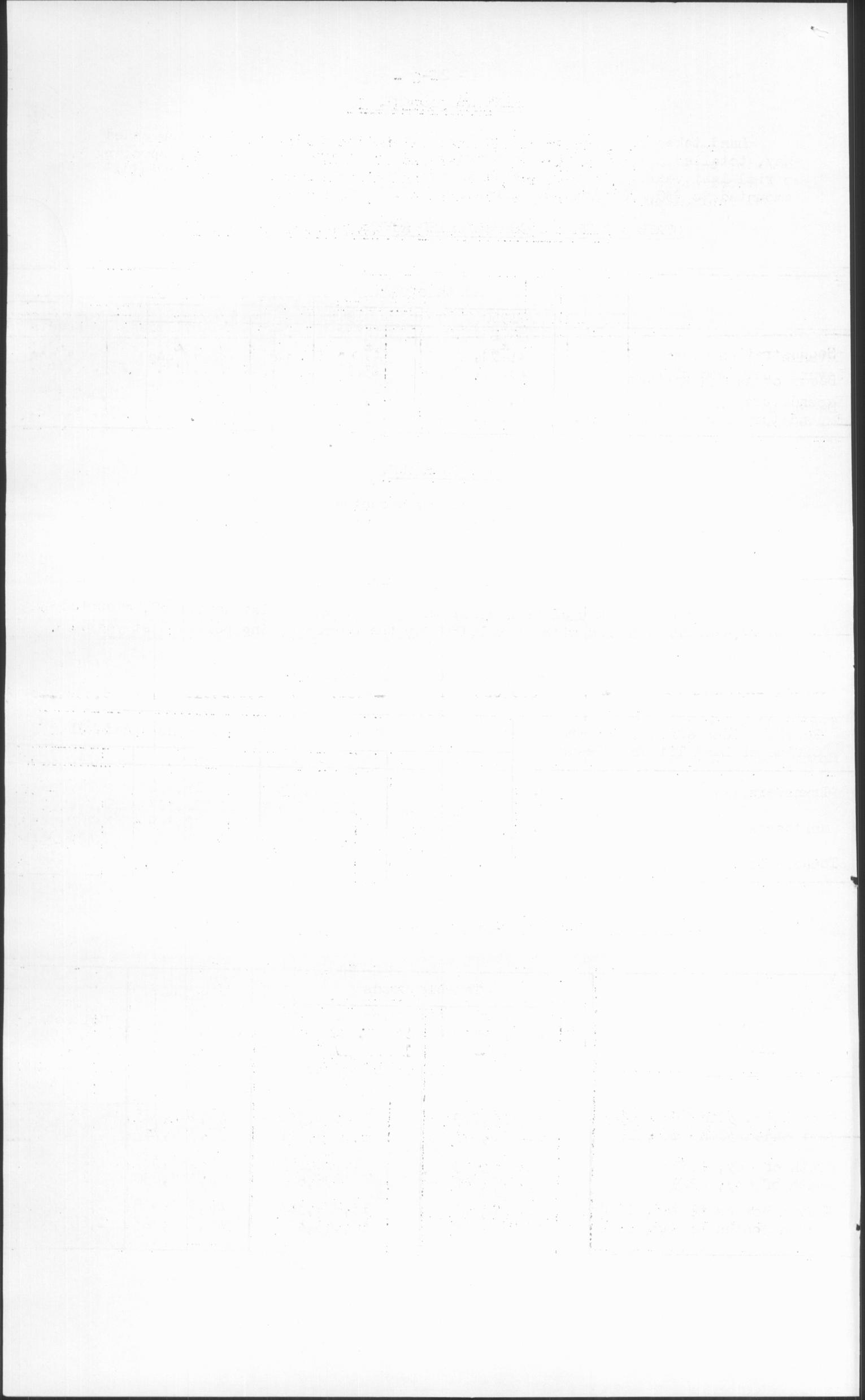
The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 31st May, 1950, amounted to £7,595,865 compared with £5,921,180 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Transfers	No.	2,300	1,776	19,872
	£	2,332,014	1,263,967	17,594,507
Mortgages	No.	1,473	972	12,369
	£	1,666,744	1,074,556	13,855,282
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,135	1,023	9,822

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
Year ended 30th June, 1949	£	£	£	£
Year ended 30th June, 1948	18,522,779	11,694,334	45,148,825	2,085,203
	14,870,843	11,013,911	37,726,747	1,812,929
Month of May, 1950	2,291,513	1,492,312	4,993,357	228,319
Month of May, 1949	1,531,002	996,629	4,517,890	184,882
Eleven Months to May, 1950	21,234,525	13,924,343	44,380,508	2,221,925
Eleven Months to May, 1949	16,619,630	10,449,414	40,628,323	1,889,856



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

91 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,891,000 and 62 Foreign Companies were registered during the eleven months ended May, 1950. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 107 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £9,383,500 and 44 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	11 Months ended MAY.					
	No.	1950		1949		Assets
		Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	
Sequestration Orders	20	£ 31,734	£ 46,442	18	£ 17,982	£ 3,798
Deeds of Assignment(a)	14	39,877	18,270	10	50,255	43,047
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

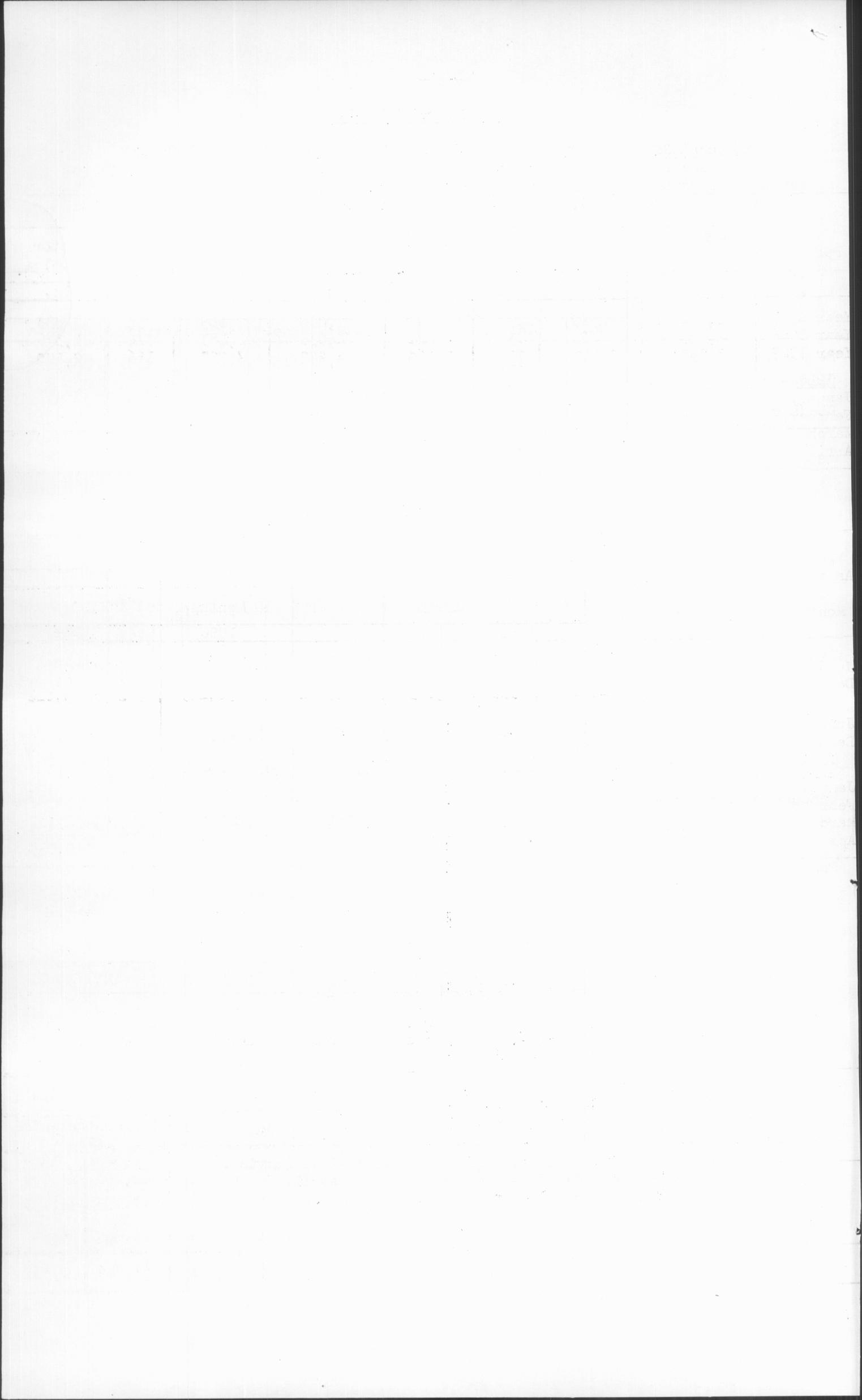
The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Gross Earnings (a)	£ 562,300	421,900	£ 5,259,500	£ 4,343,900
Working Expenses (a)	£ 666,605	545,127	£ 6,072,016	£ 5,538,148
Train Miles Run	No. 566,483	568,284	£ 5,544,851	£ 5,879,672
Motor Bus Miles Run	No. (b) 112,753	97,998	(c) 997,451	810,866
Passenger Journeys -				
Train	No. 896,167	947,061	£ 9,220,344	£ 10,451,199
Motor Bus	No. 45,007	36,983	395,497	291,707
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	211,688	205,239	£ 2,221,946	£ 2,139,198
Livestock	8,170	9,099	129,481	144,420
Departmental (Free Freight)	89,617	56,489	659,741	488,583
Total	309,475	270,827	3,011,168	2,772,201
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	31,662,773	29,681,912	£ 338,049,067	£ 310,677,065
Livestock	846,194	1,116,324	15,843,140	18,025,607
Departmental (Free Freight)	10,241,032	8,417,874	82,592,033	74,591,929
Total	42,749,999	39,216,110	436,484,240	403,294,601

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 8th April.

(c) Period covered - 3rd July to 8th April.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
<u>1950 -</u>								
January	312	58	-	105	696	218	7	214
February	394	122	2	109	814	394	6	199
March	390	173	1	112	827	510	9	242
April	422	114	7	94	817	381	12	215

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

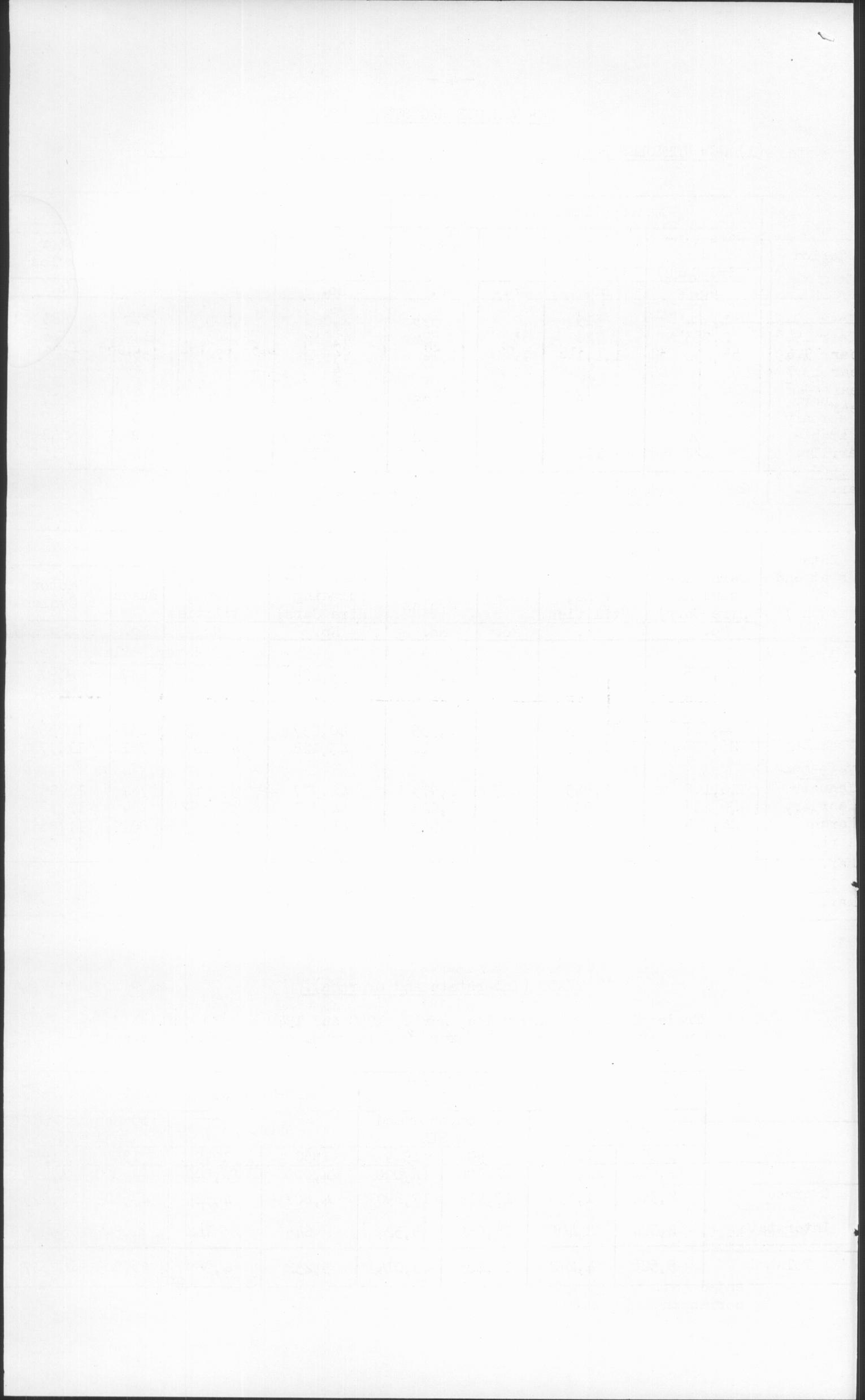
Date As at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1948 -</u>								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949 -</u>								
June	24,327	11,183	354	6,339	40,057	37,533	638	10,582
December	25,392	11,744	402	6,924	43,128	40,167	781	11,378
<u>1950 -</u>								
January	26,108	11,853	427	6,973	42,977	37,811	764	11,259
February	26,438	11,900	426	7,023	44,377	39,339	786	11,592
March	26,705	11,997	427	7,083	45,363	40,344	802	11,866
April	27,054	11,999	424	7,115	45,946	40,210	794	12,039

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for April, 1950, 139 Cars; 652 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Overseas).

Trade of Western Australia, April, 1950 and 1949 and 10 months ending April, 1950 and 1949, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL		APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Overseas	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
	2,944	1,833	27,416	17,690	4,607	4,525	47,105	42,473
Interstate	2,584	2,409	26,989	25,324	645	464	4,844	3,864
TOTAL	5,528	4,242	54,405	43,014	5,252	4,989	51,949	46,337



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1949 - Mar. Qr.	194	149	523	705	13	32	73	178	803	1,064
1950 - Mar. Qr.	200	179	557	764	10	58	66	124	833	1,125

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residential, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1949 - Mar. Qr.	297	447	59	48	354	352	6	5	716	852
1950 - Mar. Qr.	294	465	51	43	375	402	7	6	727	916

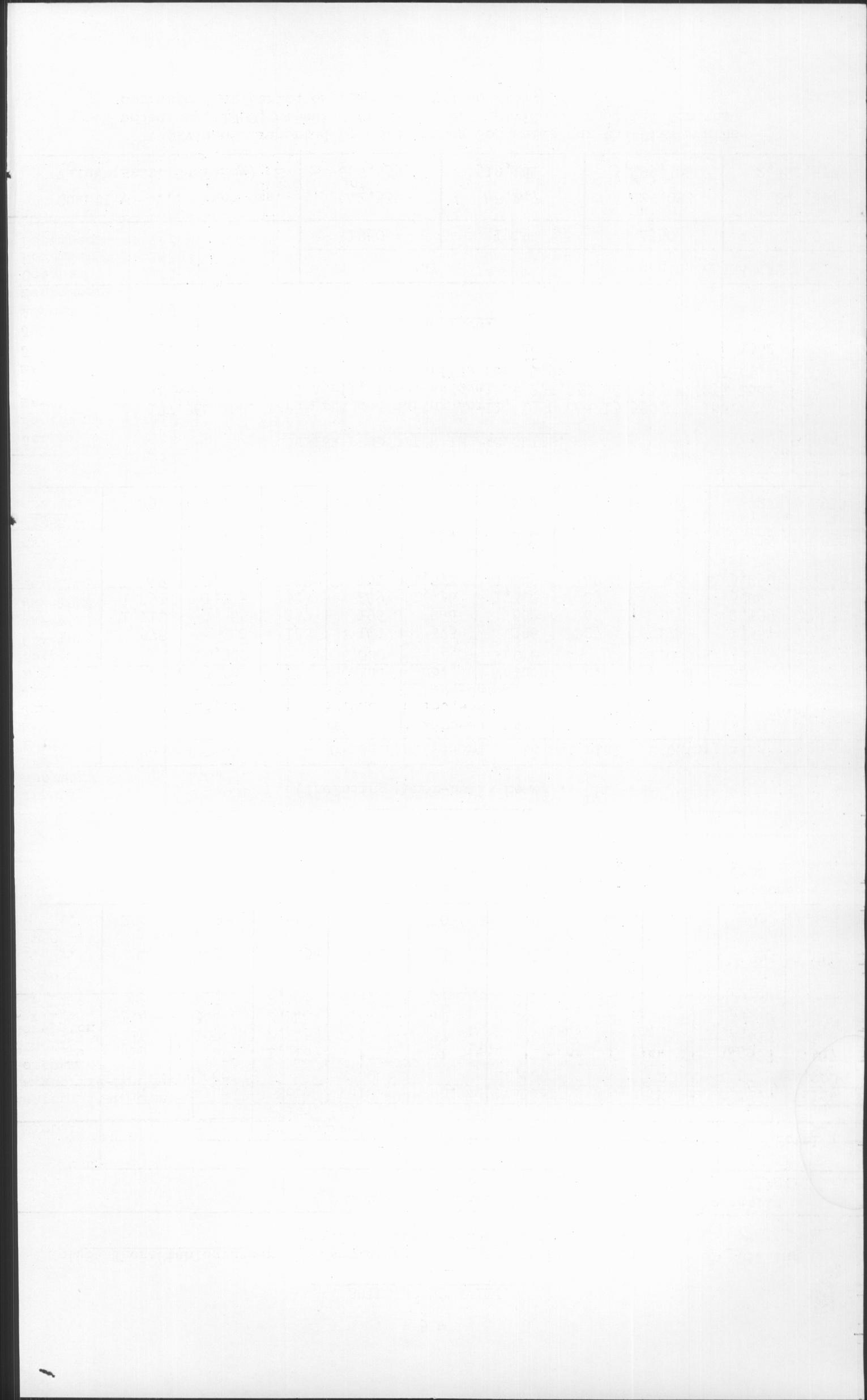
BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

187,764 lbs. were produced during April, 1950 and 13,590,018 lbs. for the ten months ended April, 1950, as against 277,230 and 13,977,254 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1949.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	MAY		5 Months ended MAY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	42,334	48,247	225,093	247,394
Value (Aust. Currency) £	666,539	519,261	3,499,306	2,662,577

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the five months ended May, 1950, amounted to £18,022. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1949 amounted to £134,897.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	MAY		5 Months ended MAY		MARCH QUARTER		12 Months ended MARCH	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Metropolitan Area	1561	1452	1530	1384	1479	1338	1445	1294
Algoorlie-Boulder	1695	1596	1665	1528	1571	1441	1535	1395
Northam	1584	1474	1553	1407	1494	1347	1457	1302
Bunbury	1563	1463	1532	1396	1499	1355	1460	1307
Geraldton	1606	1491	1571	1422	1546	1441	1508	1360
Collie	1565	1476	1542	1406	1419	1268	1386	1249

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

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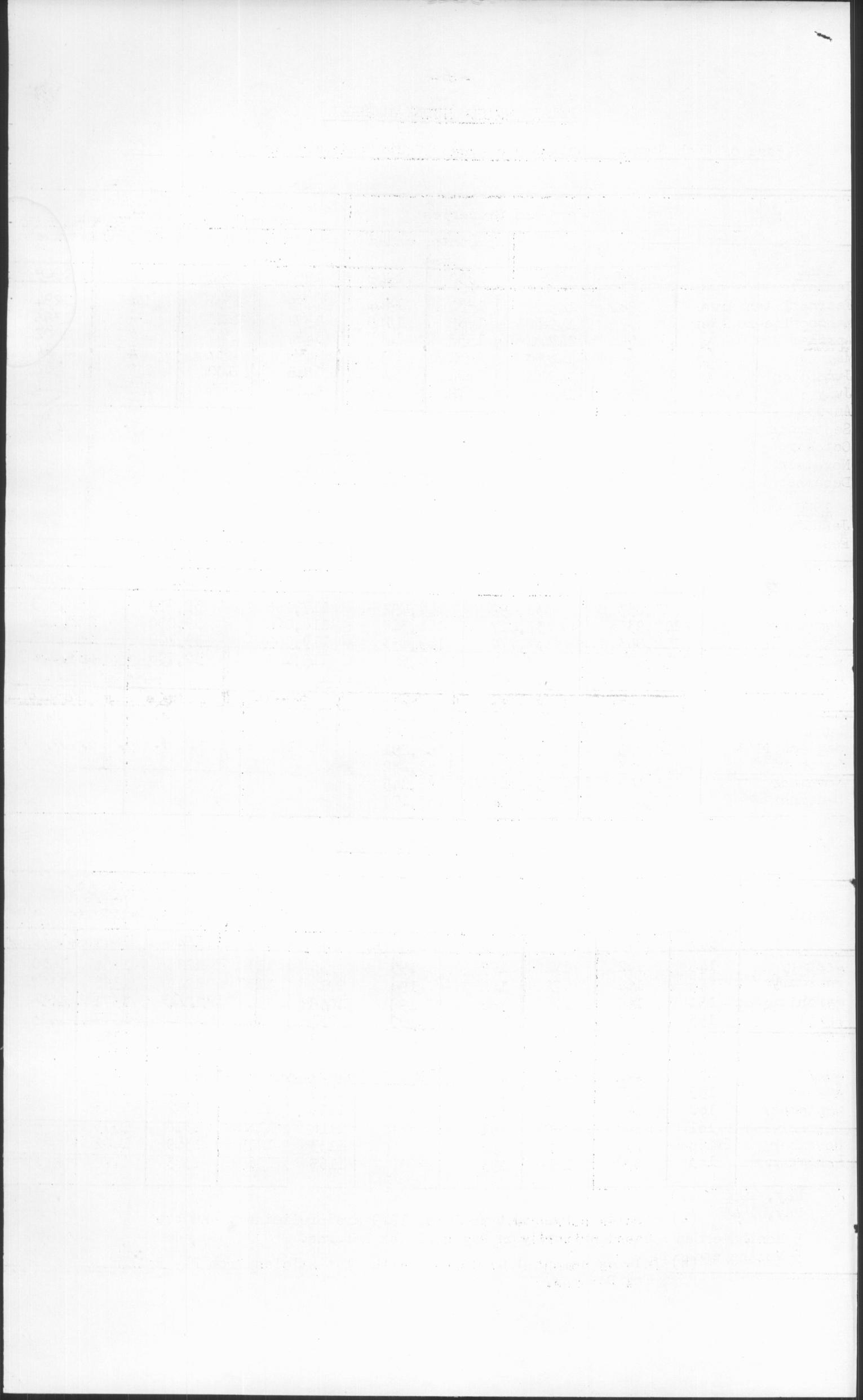
Month	1949			1950		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	111,653	36,839	148,492	117,756	38,819	156,575
February	110,931	37,417	148,348	118,064	39,050	157,114
March	112,063	37,770	149,833	119,009	39,708	158,717
April	112,671	37,887	150,558	119,440	39,726	159,166
May	112,777	37,782	150,559			
June	113,010	37,928	150,938			
July	111,190	37,991	149,181			
August	113,003	38,098	151,101			
September	113,933	38,358	152,291			
October	114,603	38,649	153,252			
November	116,102	39,143	155,245			
December	117,493	39,684	157,177			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1946	1947	1948	1949 (a)	1950 (a)	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	145	162	171	179	199	995	1134	1233	1354	1410
February	148	164	172	182	196	1016	1138	1249	1358	1387
March	151	166	176	186	198	1045	1145	1264	1371	1415
April	153	167	176	187	199	1051	1144	1264	1377	1415
May	154	168	177	187		1069	1151	1277	1354	
June	154	167	177	187		1087	1153	1277	1362	
July	157	167	177	182		1096	1168	1301	1381	
August	159	167	179	187		1109	1181	1294	1377	
September	160	168	180	191		1114	1172	1302	1365	
October	161	168	180	191		1118	1184	1318	1375	
November	158	169	182	192		1133	1215	1349	1402	
December	163	170	182	193		1165	1267	1385	1470	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1949 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1949 -</u>									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107
July	4,645	665	5,310	4,371	643	5,014	374	29	403
August	104	9	113	195	19	214	283	19	302
September	67	2	69	102	7	109	248	14	262
October	67	12	79	82	7	89	233	19	252
November	34	7	41	43	4	47	224	22	246
December	38	3	41	25	2	27	237	23	260
<u>1950 -</u>									
January	69	3	72	146	8	154	160	18	178
February	46	7	53	56	5	61	150	20	170

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1st May, 1950	7 0. 0.	3. 15. 7.	6. 19. 9.	3. 15. 6.	7. 7. 3.	3. 19. 6.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	22,156	18,284	213,681	201,464
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	20,287	16,638	195,319	183,365

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
May, 1950	14,964	411	45,287	7,714
May, 1949	10,686	422	45,229	9,710
5 Months ended MAY, 1950	38,888	1,735	287,840	40,698
5 Months ended MAY, 1949	35,512	1,796	306,620	47,829

